# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

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INCENTIVES TO INCREASE FOREIGN TOURIST INFLOW
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has extended Temporary Landing Facility (TLF) and Visa-on-Arrival to the visiting foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof and expected increase in tourists due to this initiative;

(c) whether some countries have issued advisories to its nationals against visiting India;

(d) if so, the impact of the said advisories on the foreign exchange revenues;and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b): The Government extends Temporary Landing Facility (TLF) upto a maximum of 72 hours to a foreigner who travels on a regular national passport and enters India by air or sea, without a valid visa, provided he has a confirmed onward journey ticket and subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Immigration Authorities.No landing permit facility is granted to a citizen of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia,Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia and Sri Lanka. As regards the Visa-on-Arrival facility,it is not being extended to the visiting foreign tourists.

(c) to (e): Travel advisories have been issued by various countries from time to time,advising their citizens to avoid travel or to take precautions while traveling to areas in the country which are temporarily disturbed. The Ministry of Tourism through its overseas offices and in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions abroad takes up the matter regarding lifting of travel advisories as and when issued by different countries to avoid any adverse impact on tourism to the country.